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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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Period for Reply

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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 27 May 2004.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 16-19 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 16-19 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. The amendment received on 5/27/04 has been entered. Claims 16-19 remain pending.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 16-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Oliensis ("Structure from Linear or Planar Motion," IEEE 1996) and Irani ("Multi-Frame Optical Flow Estimation Using Subspace Constraints").

Regarding claim 16, Oliensis discloses computing rotational motion in the successive image data using rotational flow vectors derived from tracked points collected from the successive image data (Sect. 2), constructing a shift data matrix for the tracked points that compensates for the rotational motion in the successive image data (Sect. 2), and decomposing the shift data matrix into motion vector (Sect. 2.1-2.2) and a structure vector (Sect. 2.2.1) and recovering the scene structure by solving for the structure vector (Sect. 2.3.1). Oliensis recognizes using intensity data (Reference 10, "Oliensis in preparation", the algorithm is for point features but easily extends to a direct method based on image intensities), but does not specifically disclose dividing the successive image data into smoothing windows, and computing a projection matrix which is block diagonal between different smoothing windows. However,

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Irani discloses reconstructing scene structure using intensity (Sect. 3), dividing the successive image data into smoothing windows (Sect. 3.2), and computing a projection matrix which is block diagonal between different smoothing windows and which is used to recover the scene structure (Sect. 4). Oliensis and Irani are combinable because they are from the same field of endeavor of scene reconstruction. At the time of the invention, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to have modified the recovering of scene structure disclosed by Oliensis to include using intensity data and dividing the image data into smoothing windows. The motivation for doing so would have been because it is well known in the art and provides an estimation of optical-flow across multiple frames using measurable image quantities. Therefore, it would have been obvious to combine Oliensis with Irani to obtain the invention as specified in claim 16.

Regarding claim 17, Oliensis discloses the shift data representation is decomposed using SVD (Sect. 2.2.1).

Regarding claim 18, Oliensis discloses wherein SVD is used to compute a rank-1 factorization (Sect. 2.2.1).

Regarding claim 19, Oliensis discloses the method is iterated until it converges to a reconstruction of the scene structure (Sect. 2.2.3).

Response to Arguments

4. Applicant's arguments with respect to claim 16 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground of rejection.

Conclusion

5. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the date of this final action.

Contact Information

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Virginia M Kibler whose telephone number is (703) 306-4072. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Thurs 8:00 - 5:30 and every other Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Virginia Kibler can be reached on (703) 308-4072. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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